

## **REMARKS**


Applicants have amended the specification. These amendments conform with the previously submitted amendments in the parent case (Serial No. 09/611,846). No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claim 1 is cancelled.

Applicants respectfully request examination of the claimed invention on its merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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